

Claims

Claims 1-6 and 12-15 have been amended. Claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled. Claims 25-27 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Dependent claims 5, 6, 13, and 15 have been rejected based on 35 USC § 112 as being not clear for examination, or failing to provide sufficient antecedent basis.

Dependent claims 5, 6, and 13 have been amended to improve clarity, and now properly reference a first oxide layer. In addition, dependent claim 15 has been amended, and now properly references a floating gate layer.

Dependant claims 13-15 and/or the specification have also been objected to for clarity or improper reference. Dependent claims 13-15 have been amended to include correct references to claim 12.

Applicants believe that the objection and rejection of claims 5, 6, and 13-15 have been overcome by the amendments, and therefore respectfully request that both the objection and rejection be withdrawn.

Additionally,

Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include an isolation structure and also amended to correspond with other verbiage in the specification.

Similarly, all of the claims that depend on independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to provide proper antecedent bases.

Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include first, second, and third device areas, to correspond with verbiage in the specification.

From the above, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-9 and 12-15 as amended, and new claims 25-27, with the drawing and specification amendments, overcome the objections and rejections presented and are in condition for

allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of the application.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below.

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